Earthquake-proof railway structures

3650. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to build all railway structures and building in future in strict earthquake-proof specifications;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what specific steps are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Sir, the structures and buildings are designed as per provision of codes and manuals. The earthquake forces provided for in the codes/manuals are duly taken into account in the designs and constructions.

Railway factory at Jammu

3651. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be leased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has acquired precious land at Jammu Railway Station for installing a factory, on the analogy of Kapoorthala; and

(b) if so, what is the proposal or project of Government in this regard; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. Presently, there is no plan to set up a new Coach Factory anywhere in India.

(b) Does not arise.

Extension of Haridwar bound trains upto Rishikesh

3652. SHRI RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend trains beyond Haridwar upto Rishikesh in view of the importance of Rishikesh-the Gateway of Chardham;

(b) if so, the trains to be so extended; and

(c) by when the services would become available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.